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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-689)

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| In the Application of:            | ) |                                 |
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| Mannette, et al                   | ) |                                 |
|                                   | ) | Examiner: Moore Jr., Michael J. |
| Serial No.: 09/691,489            | ) |                                 |
|                                   | ) | Group Art Unit: 2666            |
| Filing Date: October 18, 2000     | ) |                                 |
|                                   | ) | Confirmation No.: 5122          |
| For: Clock Synchronization of HFC | ) |                                 |
| Telephone Equipment               | ) | Customer No.: 20306             |

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed May 20, 2005, the Applicants express appreciation for the allowance of the present application. The Applicants note the Examiner's reasons for allowance, but further comment that the art of record, alone and in combination, fails to show, teach or suggest the entirety of each combination of steps and/or structure recited by each of the allowed claims of the present invention.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims. In light of the original disclosure, previous Office Actions and responses, however, the Applicants believe that the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear. Moreover, the Applicants do not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance. The Applicants believe that the Statements of Reasons

for Allowance in this case are improper as it merely copies limitations of the claims into the reasons for allowance. While the Applicants believe that the claims are allowable, the Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides in the features, as explicitly set forth in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Dear Sir:

- In regard to the above identified application,
1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
    - a) Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85B
    - b) Comments on Statement for Reasons of Allowance
    - c) Return Postcard
  2. With respect to fees:
    - a) A check for \$1,403.00 is enclosed for the Issue fee and 1 copy of the issued patent.
    - b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
  3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as Express Mail No. EV334695058US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 9th day of August 2005.

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